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B U I L D I N G M A I L

RE:

Reclamation Contracts

Dear Jim:

I have come to a determination that Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts are not an acceptable form of bonding for mining operations being conducted under State mineral leases where surface disturbances or facilities are located on State lands. It is my intention to obtain a surety bond from the States lessee in these instances.

I have listed several State leases involved in operations having Oil, Gas & Mining reclamation contracts in force but am not familiar enough with the mining plans to know if surface disturbances or facilites are actually located on State lands. Would you please review your files or personal knowledge on these mines and indicate the extent to which State surface may be impacted and what bond amount should be required for such disturbance in each case.

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ML's 18301, 27247, 27248 - Metalliferous Mineral AT 037 026
Union Carbide Co. - Snowball Mine

ML 22729 - Coal
Getty Oil Company - Star Point #1 & 2 Mines AT 007 006 #5
(Plateau Mining Co.)

ML 23498 - Metalliferous Mineral Act 037 01/ Atlas Minerals - Standard #2 Mine

ML's 23550, 24092 - Metalliferous Mineral ACT 037 043

ML 23842 - Metalliferous Mineral 1037/025 Union Carbide - Dereano Mine AC 1037/025

ML 32305 - Metalliferous Mineral Plateau Resources - Frank M Mine ACI 017 017 (Mary Ann informs me that this operation contains mine dump, (leech) field, 2 ponds, water well, and portal on State Lands - what bond amount is recommended?)

Thank you,

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